

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	519



n Lexington

ress 9 Independence Avenue

toric Name John S. Brown House

: Present residential

Original residential

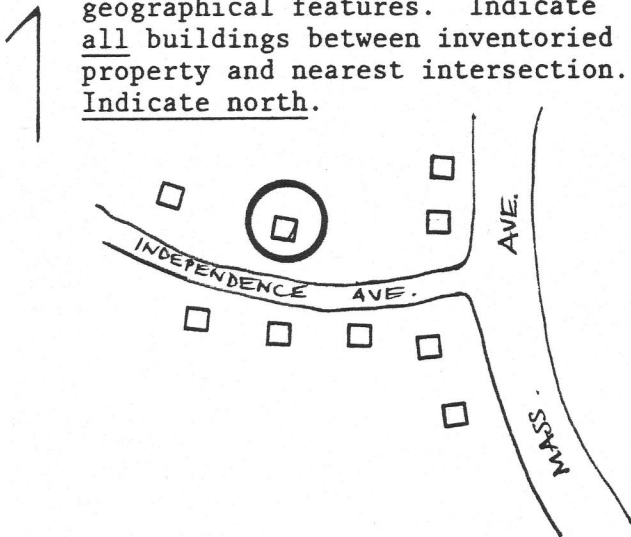
DESCRIPTION:

e c. 1830

ource sign on house

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Style Federal

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 24480 ft.²

Setting Residential side street; houses

mostly of mid-nineteenth century

construction date.

Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date April, 1984

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This is a well preserved example of the house type built so frequently in East Lexington in the first third of the nineteenth century: five bays wide, one room deep, with rear chimneys. Finishes of this house are simple. The doorway is of unusual design; both pilaster strips and the lintel board have panels which are curved at the end.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The house was built by John Sullivan Brown (b. 1806), grandson of Francis Brown who fought as a Minute Man on April 19, 1775 and who kept a tavern at 620 Massachusetts Avenue in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.

Between 1875 and 1899 the house was owned by John L. Holbrook, a carpenter at the car shops in East Cambridge.

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1830 map

1853 map

1875 atlas

1889 atlas

1898 atlas

1906 atlas

1887 Directory

1899 Directory

1894 Directory

1906 Directory